Electricity generation by SHP Projects

828. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the energy generated from the Small Hydro Power (SHP) Projects is the most reliable of the all the renewable energy sources which can provide electricity for the rural remote areas and hilly terrain in the country, in a cost effective and environmentally benign manner; and

(b) if so, the measures taken for using the SHP to provide electricity in rural, remote and hilly areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) Small hydro-power (SHP) is one among the options available from renewable resources, having its own risk and benefit factors, which are location and site specific.

(b) The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is providing central finance assistance for the setting up of SHP projects, with assistance level going upto 90 per cent of normative system cost, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 18,000/ household for distributed generation projects in villages that will not to receive grid-connectivity under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana.

Proposal for green certificates

829. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to issue green certificates, which would be tradable papers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) to (c) The Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) of the Planning Commission has recommended, among other things, introduction of Tradable Tax Rebate Certificates (TTRCs) linked to the actual quantum of electricity generated from renewable power projects in-lieu of the financial subsidy, wherever given, on the ground that incentives need to be linked to outcomes. However, wind power projects are not being given any financial subsidy and continuation of financial subsidy for bio-power and small hydro power projects has been proposed for the Eleventh Plan.

Coal blocks and RGGVY funds for Orissa

830. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Orissa Government has requested him for allotment of coal blocks for Shell companies of SPUs for setting up mini-ultra mega power projects;